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Feds call inquiry into Fraser's salmon collapse

FISHERIES The federal government is calling a judicial inquiry into the disappearance of millions of Fraser River sockeye salmon in B.C.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the news Thursday in the House of Commons, calling the salmon collapse a "serious matter."

The federal Fisheries Department estimated about 10.5 million sockeye would return to the Fraser River this year, but only a tenth that number has shown up.

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Fort Hood Terror in Texas



Sgt. Anthony Sills comforts his wife as they wait outside the Fort Hood Army Base near Killeen, Texas, on Thursday. Their three-year-old son was still in daycare on the base where an army officer opened fire killing 12 people and wounding 31 others. **Story, page 10.**

Relay torch on Tory run?

Grits cry foul over 'Conservative' route, as VANOC says blame us

The federal Liberal party claims the Olympic torch relay is taking a circuitous route to ensure it hits as many Conservative ridings as possible.

The Opposition says the torch relay will be celebrated in 91 Conservative-held ridings, 20 Liberal ridings, 17 NDP ridings and 17 Bloc Québécois ridings.

VANOC denies the Conservative government had any input into the torch relay route.

Vancouver Quadra MP Joyce Murray said on Thursday the Liberals will

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look "into the torch relay planning process to ensure there was no partisan Conservative interference."

"It appears upon first glance that the relay disproportionately favours the Conservatives, stopping in 62 per cent of Tory ridings," she said in a release. "In contrast, the torch will stop in only 12 per cent of Liberal constituencies, 13 per cent of NDP and 10 per cent of

Bloc Québécois ridings." NDP MP Pat Martin also joined in, saying it doesn't look like a coincidence.

"Clearly, there was some monkey business in making sure we, the opposition MPs, don't get to share in the glory of the torch run," Martin said.

The Conservatives said the opposition complaints were off the mark.

"This torch relay route was designed 100 per cent by VANOC, not the government," Heritage Minister James Moore told MPs.

Andrea Shaw, VANOC's

vice-president of sponsorship and marketing, said in a statement: "Our primary goal was to bring the Olympic Flame to as many Canadians as possible and we are pleased that approximately 90 per cent of the population will be within a one-hour drive of the route."

"The route planning was not based whatsoever on political ridings," Shaw said.

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Chilliwack Bruins given H1N1 shots

Flu Outbreak

HEALTH B.C. is running out of the H1N1 vaccine, but some players from another Fraser Valley hockey team — the Chilliwack Bruins — already got the shots, their doctor says.

Paul Basson inoculated 11 members of the junior hockey team on Monday with doses left over from the clinic he ran on Sunday.

The doctor said when the clinic closed for the day he had 25 doses left over, and they were set to expire before 9 a.m. Monday morning.

Earlier this week, the Abbotsford Heat came under fire when health authorities learned players had been inoculated while supplies of the vaccine continue to dwindle.

On Thursday, B.C.'s provincial medical officer of health, Dr. Perry Kendall, said there are only 83,000 doses remaining in the province after distributing about 400,000 during each of the past two weeks.

The scarce supply will be given to pregnant women first, along with other targeted groups whose needs weren't met this week.

Kendall warned that more people will "probably" get sick as the province waits for more vaccine. He added that he'll work with the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport to request sports teams not seek preferential treatment for the shot.

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News in brief

VERDICT Const. Frank Lambert of the Surrey RCMP has been found guilty of assault in Chilliwack provincial court. The charges stem from an on-duty incident in July 2007, during which another officer observed Lambert push a man he had in custody onto the hood of a police car several times.

SEARCH Police in North Vancouver are asking for help identifying the owner of a black and red mountain bike that's been left locked up at the base of Grouse Mountain for days. RCMP say they're worried it may belong to a missing hiker.

CRASH A 29-year-old Abbotsford man is lucky to be alive after drinking and crashing his car in Langley, RCMP say. The man has received a 24-hour driving prohibition and tickets for having open liquor in his vehicle.

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Paralympic spirit

Cross-Canada torch relay begins March 3

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Olympic organizers unveiled the Paralympic torch relay route — which will run through 12 communities across Canada — to enthusiastic applause at Vancouver's Eric Hamber Secondary School yesterday.

The relay, which kicks off in Ottawa March 3, will see 600 torchbearers carry the Paralympic flame across Canada in 10 days. Mary McNeil, B.C.'s minister of state for the Olympics, said she hopes excitement for the Paralympic torch relay will match the Olympic torch relay hype.

"I had the absolute delight this weekend to participate in the Olympic torch relay," she said. "I can't tell you the excitement in each and every community. It blew me away, I had no idea we would get the crowds we did."

Senator Nancy Greene Raine, who is also a former Olympian, said the relay will celebrate the Paralympian spirit and foster pride in Canada's athletes.

"I know they're ready for the Paralympics. They're incredible athletes and really competitive."

Organizers do not expect protesters to disrupt the Paralympic relay, said Andrea Shaw, VANOC's sponsorship and marketing



Former Paralympian Brad Kennea with the 2010 Paralympic torch at Thursday's Paralympic torch relay route unveiling.

Paralympic torch relay route

- Day 1: Ottawa
- Day 2: Quebec City
- Day 3: Central Canadian community
- Day 4: Esquimalt, Victoria
- Day 5: Squamish
- Day 6: Whistler
- Day 7: Lytton, Hope
- Day 8: Hillcrest (Vancouver), Maple Ridge
- Day 9: UBC (Vancouver)
- Day 10: Downtown Vancouver

vice-president.

Protesters came under fire earlier this week after forcing organizers to scrap 10 legs of the Olympic torch relay, robbing young torchbearers of their Olympic moment.

But Shaw said since the initial protest, it has been smooth sailing.

"The communities are coming out," she said. "We do not forecast any kind of issue with the Paralympic relay."

AM station opts for all-sports coverage

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RADIO Vancouver AM radio station TALK 1410 announced Thursday it's switching to an all-sports format — a move that saw 23 employees laid off.

The CHUM Radio-owned station is also changing its name to TEAM 1410, giving the company two sports stations with the same name. The other is the TEAM 1040.

CHUM Radio Vancouver vice-president and general manager James Stuart said the big differentiator is that one station will carry Vancouver Canucks games, while the other will carry the B.C. Lions.

"The challenge that we had before having both is when the two teams played on the same night, we'd have to move one of those games to another frequency," Stuart said.

"The Canucks are staying on the TEAM 1040."

The shakeup was necessitated by low ratings.

"Ratings for the TALK 1410 were low, bottom of the marketplace. The effort to create a winning product was there ... but (we expected) to lose money from a business side," Stuart added.

Of the 23 layoffs, 19 of the positions will not be replaced. Three of the laid-off people were offered new positions.

The new station says it will also broadcast NFL football and European soccer games.

DNA solves mystery behind seventh foot to come ashore

RIVER The B.C. coroner has used DNA to identify a foot that washed up on shore of the Fraser River last month as belonging to a dead man from the Vancouver area. RCMP say the foot belonged to a man reported missing in January 2008.

They say foul play is not suspected due to the circumstances of his death, and the man's identity is being withheld at the family's request.

The foot washed up on the river shore in Rich-

mond on Oct. 27, the seventh mystery foot to come ashore in B.C. over the past two years.

One other foot has been identified as belonging to a man thought to have committed suicide. The other feet include a female pair, a male pair and a man's right foot.

Police say all of the feet separated from the bodies naturally in the water and foul play is not suspected in any of the cases.

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Strikers disrupt security exercise

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Picketing paramedics disrupted a planned Olympic security exercise Thursday morning at Vancouver's rail yard.

The event was part of the final of three exercises aimed at preparing first responders for possible emergency scenarios during February's Olympic Games.

B.C. Ambulance Paramedics, who have been on strike since April and who could soon be forced back to work, picketed outside

Legislature

On Thursday, Government House Leader Mike de Jong threatened to keep the legislature sitting through the weekend in order to impose a contract on paramedics and force them back to work.

the Via rail yard and St. Paul's Hospital during the mock rail disaster.

Firefighters balked at crossing the paramedic's picket line, delaying the exercise that was eventually relocated to the nearby Vancouver Fire Department training centre. A media viewing was also scrapped.

Jamie Tomlinson, a

spokesman for Public Safety Canada, said the training took place as planned, but in a different location for "operational reasons."

Firefighters hung tarps from the chain-link fences to prevent viewers from watching.

The picketers left at 11 a.m. after receiving word that Via had a court injunction to void their picket line and that they had the assurance from the firefighters union that they would not cross their picket line.

Rod MacDonald, president of the Vancouver Fire Fighters, said firefighters did not cross the line, but participated fully in the training exercise after it was removed.



Striking paramedics picket outside the Via rail yard in Vancouver Thursday morning. The strike action delayed an Olympic security operation.

Winter Games have had a \$788M positive impact so far: Study

GDP The 2010 Winter Games had a \$788-million positive impact on B.C.'s gross domestic product from the time Vancouver won the bid in 2003 until December 2008, according to independent analysts.

While the Olympics also generated 18,362 person-years of employment during that time but that was before the worldwide financial meltdown, PriceWaterhouseCoopers said.

"Up to 2008, the econo-

my was still growing quite well," said Bredon Ogmundson, one of the analysts who worked on the report. "We'd expect to see perhaps some impact of the recession in subsequent reports."

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TransLink boss leaving to run New York's transit

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Tom Prendergast

the city ... there are eight million people in New York and five million people take the subway and trains."

After 17 months as head of TransLink, Tom Prendergast is Broadway bound to run one of the world's largest transit systems.

TransLink's departing president and CEO said Thursday the opportunity to run the New York City Transit Authority was too good to pass up — although he did twice.

"(New York) is a city that never sleeps," Prendergast said.

"The subway and bus system is the lifeblood of

He took the job when approached for the third time because he felt "the window of opportunity" was closing and that Metro Vancouver's transit system was now on sound financial footing.

Ian Jarvis, TransLink's chief financial officer, will replace Prendergast as in-

terim president and CEO. Prendergast, who has more than 30 years of transit experience, was a vice-president of the New York City subway system in the 1990s and later was president of the largest commuter railroad in the U.S., the Long Island Railroad.

TransLink chair Dale Parker said TransLink got more than its money's worth from Prendergast.

"What he's brought to this organization is phenomenal," Parker said.

"This is a much stronger management team. The strategy, the way forward is much clearer for us."

Man arrested following alleged attack on girl, 12

WEST VAN A suspect has been arrested in the alleged attack of a 12-year-old girl in West Vancouver, police said Thursday.

A man matching the suspect's description was arrested after a local business owner reported seeing a man matching the suspect's description, Const. Jeff

Palmer said.

The girl was accosted by a man asking for money on Tuesday afternoon while she walked home on a footpath near Esquimalt Avenue. When she ignored him, she said she was grabbed by the neck and spun around.

A woman walking by in-

tervened and the girl ran home. She said the man, in his 50s and wearing a New York Yankees jacket, followed her and pounded on her locked front door.

Despite the arrest, Palmer said police are still interested in speaking to any witnesses.

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HOCKEY Surrey is hosting Canada's best young female hockey players at the 2009 National Women's Under-18 Hockey Championships. The tournament features teams from each province. The gold medal game is on Sunday.

FERGUSON Craig Ferguson, host of The Late Late Show, will be in Vancouver Jan. 22-23 at Richmond's River Rock Casino and Coquitlam's Red Robinson

Show Theatre. While in town, he will also be promoting his new memoir, American On Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot.

UNIVERSITIES Maclean's has ranked UBC as the fourth-best medical/doctoral school in the country while SFU was ranked the No. 1 comprehensive university. Of the 48 ranked universities, 19 refused to fill out the survey because they

disagree with its methodology.

SUSPECT RCMP are looking for the driver who struck an 83-year-old woman with a car Wednesday in Surrey. The woman later discovered she had a leg injury.

SHORTFALL The Fraser Health Authority has lowered its \$160-million shortfall to \$10 million by cutting some services, cknw.com reports.

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Officials say another two coyotes have been killed in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, including one believed to be involved in the mauling death of a young woman. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Caribou decline a hoax: Outfitter

Caribou herds aren't shrinking; scientists are just looking in the wrong place. That's the opinion of some aboriginal elders and at least one outfitter determined to expose what he calls a fraud. John Andre, owner of Montana-based Shoshone Wilderness Adventures, has maintained for years that official estimates of caribou populations have been manipulated. Government biologists, he says, have deliberately created the impression of declines. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Gun registry staff hid information: Van Loan

POLITICS Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, under fire for sitting on a 2008 RCMP report on the Canadian firearms program, suggested staff at the national firearms registry are deliberately hiding information in order to ensure the registry's survival.

Van Loan's stunning claim came on a day when another RCMP report — part of the government-wide annual performance reports — showed the firearms registry of the Canadian gun control program is costing less and being used more than ever by police. Numbers are now the new weapon as the battle begins anew over the future of the long-gun registry. The RCMP — responsible for administering the overall gun control program — published its annual performance report that shows operations of the registry are being streamlined. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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DRUG BUST Authorities say a man was caught smuggling more than 40 kilograms of Ecstasy across the Michigan-Ontario border, then co-operated with agents to pinch the men waiting for the delivery. The man was caught Tuesday afternoon driving an empty car carrier across the Ambassador Bridge from Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit. A U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer searched the vehicle's cab. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tory ridings cash in: Analysis

Study shows largest stimulus chunks also hit cities, coveted seat

The biggest winners of the Conservatives' stimulus extravaganza include one of the prime minister's closest friends, a riding the Tories desperately hope to win in a by-election next week, and a longtime party stalwart.

Eastern Ontario MP Scott Reid, the Nova Scotia riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley and British Columbia MP Jim Abbott are three of the clearest winners in the distribution of stimulus spending, a broad analysis by The Canadian Press shows.

Several urban cores also fare well. Downtown Ottawa, in a riding held by the

NDP, is a top scorer, along with Downtown Vancouver, (Liberals), and Winnipeg Centre, (NDP).

Drawing on the underlying data that supports an interactive online map displaying budget announcements, the analysis counted, located and evaluated 4,833 projects announced across the country as of Oct. 25. Each project was assigned a score, according to whether the government said it was small (under \$100,000), medium (between \$100,000 and \$1 million), large (between \$1 mil-

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• The interactive online map that displays Ottawa's individual budget announcements can be viewed at actionplan.gc.ca/eng/map.asp.

lion and \$5 million) or extra-large (over \$5 million).

The results show that Conservatives come out on top in most provinces, although occasional opposition ridings do well, too. In British Columbia, Conservatives win seven of the top 10 rankings. Ditto for Ontario. In New Brunswick, three of the top four scores go to Tories. Even in Que-

bec, Conservatives punch above their weight.

Government largesse also struck Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, a riding currently held by Independent MP Bill Casey, which the Tories have high hopes of winning back in a by-election set for Monday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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St. John's Singing to survive



Robert Decker, 28, the lone survivor of a helicopter crash that killed 17 off Newfoundland's east coast, Robert Wells, commissioner of the Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry and Decker's lawyer Dan Simmons, right to left, are viewed on television monitors at the inquiry into the incident in St. John's, Thursday. Decker says he escaped the submerged chopper through a broken window, ascended to the surface and sang to himself as he waited to be rescued. **ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Gatti fortune fight set for long haul

COURTS The widow of late boxing champion Arturo Gatti has been awarded \$40,000 to cover legal fees and child-care costs, but her fight with his family over his sizable fortune looks set to go the distance.

The sum falls far short of the \$150,000 advance that Amanda Rodrigues was seeking from Gatti's estate.

And in another blow to the 23-year-old Brazilian native, Superior Court Justice Paul Chaput concluded in his ruling Thursday that custody of the couple's dog is not an urgent matter for the time being.

Chaput awarded Rodrigues \$30,000 to cover legal fees and \$10,000 in eventual child-care costs for their son, Arturo Jr. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Amanda Rodrigues, Arturo Gatti and Arturo Gatti Jr.

But the stakes in the bitter dispute are way higher — as in \$6 million, the estimated worth of Gatti's estate.

The former world champion, who was born in Italy and raised in Montreal, was found dead under mysterious circumstances at a posh Brazilian seaside resort last July 11. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Flu on a roll from sea to shining sea

Deaths and hospitalizations are surging, health chief says

Swine flu is surging across the country.

Canada's chief public health officer says hospitalizations, intensive-care unit admissions and deaths from the H1N1 influenza virus (also known as swine flu) are three times higher this week than last.

Dr. David Butler-Jones says the western provinces, the territories and Newfoundland and Labrador have been hit hard.

"We expect to hear of more illness and deaths in the coming weeks as we go further into the second wave," Butler-Jones said.

Butler-Jones says overall flu activity is still below its peak during the virus's first wave in June. But he expects to surpass that spring high point within a few weeks.

"As of last week, we were below the peak weeks of June," he said. "Now we're catching up. So we're not quite there yet, but over

"We expect to hear of more illness and deaths in the coming weeks as we go further into the second wave."

Dr. David Butler-Jones

the next few weeks we're going to see perhaps what we saw in June."

Millions of Canadians have received the swine-flu shot. Public health officials say that as of Nov. 3, swine flu had killed 101 people nationally.

More than 1,700 people have been hospitalized since the virus appeared in April.

By comparison, they say the common flu sends about 20,000 Canadians to hospital each year.

Between 4,000 and 8,000 Canadians die of influenza annually.

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Here come the masked flu fighters: A mother brings children for their H1N1 flu shots Thursday in Laval, Que.

Canadians steadfast after massacre of soldiers

WAR The shocking deaths of five British soldiers at the hands of an Afghan National Police officer appear to have done little to shake the confidence Canadian police mentors have in their local charges.

What happened in Helmand Tuesday is unlikely to alter the relationship between Afghan police and their Canadian mentors, said Capt. Jason Quilliam, Canada's lead adviser on mentoring issues in Kandahar city.

"We haven't had the same problems that the British and Americans have been in," Quilliam said.

"We're always concerned with security but we haven't seen anything (alarming) with the ANP that we're working with."

The suspected shooter, a three-year veteran of the police force, is now with the Taliban after having fled the scene of the shooting.

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Stelmach faces critical leadership vote

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach faces a critical leadership review this weekend by his own Tory party members amid growing tension within the ranks over his plunging popularity in recent polls. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Minister angered by celebs' queue jumping

Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews is promising to investigate whether celebrity athletes jumped the queue for the swine flu shot while other groups are being forced to wait and the province's supply dwindles.

She shares the outrage sparked by reports that professional hockey and basketball players in

Toronto got the shot while school-age children are still being told to wait their turn, Matthews said Thursday.

"I don't care who you are, how rich you are, how famous you are," she said.

"If you're not in the priority group, get out of the line and let the people who are in the priority groups get their vaccination."

"I don't care who you are, how rich you are."

Deb Matthews

Ontario, which is still expected to run out of the regular H1N1 vaccine at the end of the week, has enough supply to immunize 2.2 million people,

which is intended for priority groups only, she said.

They include pregnant women, children between six months and five years of age, people under the age of 65 with chronic conditions, and those living in remote communities.

A health employee in Alberta was fired after letting the Calgary Flames jump the swine flu shot queue,

but Matthews wouldn't say what the consequences might be in Ontario.

The government expects flu-shot providers to respect Ontario's priority list, she said.

"When it comes to the queue jumpers, that's one of the questions that I'm exploring right now," Matthews said.



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Deb Matthews

Raitt cash sparks demand for probe

EXPENSES Liberals are demanding an audit of expenses claimed by Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt during her stint as president of the Toronto Port Authority.

Paul Szabo, the Liberal chair of the Commons ethics committee, added Auditor General Sheila Fraser on Thursday to the list of independent parliamentary watchdogs he has asked to investigate.

Reports allege Raitt signed off on her own expenses at least once — for a \$3,000 trip to London, England — during her term as port president.

Toronto lawyer Michele McCarthy, a former chair of the port's board of directors, said she refused to sign off on the trip, so Raitt signed it herself.

Szabo has asked Prime Minister Stephen Harper to grant Fraser a mandate to conduct a special audit of the port authority's operations during Raitt's tenure.

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Crown wants life for sex attack

CRIME The Crown says it wants a life sentence for a central Alberta man who posed as a police officer when he kidnapped and sexually assaulted a 16-year-old girl.

Gerard Baumgarte pleaded guilty this week to six charges stemming from the February attack.

A judge has ordered a new psychiatric examination of Baumgarte, 57.

The girl was driving home about 9:40 p.m. after a trip to a convenience store. Posing as a police officer, Baumgarte pulled the young driver over in his car, which was equipped with red and blue flashing lights.

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No problems with H1N1 vaccine: WHO

The World Health Organization says millions of doses of H1N1 vaccine have been given so far and no unusual side effects have been seen. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the agency's top flu expert, told a news conference in Switzerland on Thursday that 20 countries have started to administer the pandemic vaccine, which appears to be very safe. "We see no evidence at all that there is widespread occurrence of antiviral resistance," Fukuda told reporters.

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Does Google know your every move?

INTERNET The world's most pervasive web presence knows what you're interested in, where you go on vacation, maybe even when you're having lunch. As of now, you're free to check exactly what Google has gleaned about your life.

On Thursday, the tech giant launched its Dashboard feature. Once you've signed in to your email, it summarizes the information that has been gleaned when you use any of about 20 Google products, including Gmail, Google Alerts, Calendar and the photo organizer, Picasa.

Users — and Google — can see what they've searched on the net recently, emails sent and received, and contact lists. Inside Dashboard, you're provided with the means to alter your privacy settings and delete some material.

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Massacre at U.S. military base

Twelve killed; details emerging about suspect who was due for deployment

A U.S. army psychiatrist set to be shipped overseas opened fire at the Fort Hood, Texas, army post Thursday, authorities said, a rampage that killed 12 people and left 31 wounded in the worst mass shooting ever at a military base in the United States.

The suspected gunman, first said to have been killed, was wounded but alive and in stable condition under military guard, said Lt. Gen. Bob Cone at Fort Hood. "I would say his death is not imminent," Cone said. Col. Ben Danner said the suspect was shot four times and was in critical condition.

The man was identified as Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-year-old from Virginia. There was no official word on motive. Hasan had transferred to Fort Hood in July from Walter Reed Medical Center, where he received a poor performance evaluation,



Monica Cain, 44, tries to get in touch Thursday with her husband, Sgt. Darren Cain, who was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

Republican Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison said generals at Fort Hood told her that Hasan was about to deploy overseas. Retired Col. Terry Lee, who said he had worked with Hasan, told Fox News he was be-

ing sent to Afghanistan. Lee said Hasan had hoped Obama would pull troops out of Afghanistan and Iraq, and got into frequent arguments with others in the military who



Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan

'Horrific'

• U.S. President Barack Obama is calling the mass shooting at an army base in Texas a "horrific outburst of violence." The commander-in-chief said it's a tragedy to lose soldiers overseas and even more horrifying when they come under fire at an army base on American soil.

supported the wars.

Faizul Khan, a former imam at a mosque Hasan attended in Silver Spring, Md., said he spoke often with Hasan about how Hasan wanted to find a wife. Hasan was a lifelong Muslim and attended prayers regularly, often in his army uniform, Khan said.

The shooter used two pistols, one of them semi-automatic. Neither were military-issued, Danner said.

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Suspected shooter's blog investigated

SHOOTING His name appears on radical Internet postings. A fellow officer says he fought his deployment to Iraq and argued with soldiers who supported U.S. wars. He required counselling as a medical student because of problems with patients. There are many unknowns about Nidal Malik Hasan, mostly his motive. But details of his life and mindset, emerging from official sources and personal acquaintances, are troubling. At least six months ago, Hasan came to the attention of officials because of web postings about suicide bombings and other threats, including posts that equated suicide bombers to soldiers who throw themselves on a grenade to save the lives of their comrades.

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Killings shaking Brits' faith in Afghan mission

AFGHANISTAN The deaths of five British soldiers gunned down by an Afghan policeman has shaken U.K. public support for the war in Afghanistan, intensifying debate about the human cost of the conflict and increasing calls for a pullout.

If British troops can't trust the Afghan colleagues they are supposed to be training, critics asked Thursday, how can they fight the Taliban? And where does it leave an exit strategy that depends on handing over control to Afghan forces?

"I don't think we ever

UN pulls workers

• The United Nations said Thursday that it will send more than half its international staff either out of Afghanistan or into more secure compounds following last week's deadly Taliban attack against UN workers.

should have gone there," said Jane Cooke, 49, expressing an increasingly common view.

"There is an inner conflict going on there, and it's never going to be resolved." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Russia Soldiers go retro



Russian soldiers dressed in Red Army Second World War uniforms are seen before the start of a rehearsal of the Nov. 7 parade in Red Square, Moscow, Thursday. The parade marks the 68th anniversary of when soldiers went directly to the front during the war. Nov. 7 for decades was a holiday celebrating the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

News in brief

NEW DELHI India effectively barred foreign journalists Thursday from covering a rare visit by the Dalai Lama to a Buddhist monastery close to Tibet in an apparent effort to ease Chinese anger by reducing news coverage of the trip. The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader's planned visit Sunday to the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh — the heart

of a long-running border dispute between China and India — has inflamed already heightened tensions between the Asian powers. Foreigners travelling to the remote mountainous state need special permission from the Indian government. Most foreign journalists did not receive permission to cover the Dalai Lama's visit. On Thursday, four

journalists who had been given permits had them revoked. **PILOTS** Two U.S. airline pilots who overshot their destination by 240 kilometres have filed appeals of their flight license revocations with the National Transportation Safety Board. The Federal Aviation Administration revoked the licenses of Capt. Timothy Cheney and First Officer Richard Cole last week.

The agency said the pilots put the 144 passengers of Northwest Airlines Flight 188 in serious danger on Oct. 21 when they failed to communicate with anyone on the ground for 91 minutes. Cheney and Cole told investigators they lost track of time and place while working on crew scheduling on their laptops.

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Missing baby found hidden under babysitter's bed

A Florida baby missing for five days was found alive in a box under her babysitter's bed, and authorities said Thursday they plan to charge the sitter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Africa could split in two ... literally

Africa's eastern edge has begun to crack away along a 60-kilometre rift that appeared virtually overnight.

According to a new study, the continent will eventually split along a 5,000-kilometre line between

Ethiopia in the north and Mozambique in the south. A huge new ocean will fill the gap between the resultant land masses. The surface fault in the arid, sparsely populated region of Afar in Ethiopia appeared over

the course of 10 days in September 2005, according to seismologist Atalay Ayele of Addis Ababa University. At its widest, the so-called Afar Depression is roughly a football field across. At its deepest, it goes down 2 km.

Ayele described it Thursday "as the most exciting place on Earth" to study the large-scale seismic effects of tectonic shifting.

The split is not expected any time soon. Ayele referred to a "geologic time

scale" running to a million years.

However, he said, "a series of volcanic events" might push that timetable up significantly, to a thousand years or so.

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News in brief

TEXAS The first polygamist sect member to face trial following last year's raid at the Yearning For Zion Ranch was convicted Thursday of sexually assaulting an underage girl with whom he had a so-called "spiritual marriage." Raymond Jessop, 38, didn't visibly react to the verdict. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Comment

Little guy needs a raise

UrbanCompass

Paul Sullivan

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This is the best place on Earth, if you're Gordon Campbell. If you're a renter living on eight bucks an hour, not so much.

The minimum wage in B.C. has been \$8 an hour for eight years. We now have the lowest minimum wage in the country.

Lower than Newfoundland. Lower than P.E.I., the world's smallest province, where the only industries are potatoes and Anne of Green Gables.

If you work eight hours a day, five days a week on minimum wage, you make \$64 a day or \$1,280 a

month, and when the price of an average apartment is north of \$900, that doesn't leave much for, uh, food.

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week at three

or four jobs

— although

it's tougher to

get one job in

this economy,

never mind

three or four.

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and triple up

in studio

apartments.

They get by.

But there is

zero wiggle

room. Get the

swine flu, lose your job,

you're on the curb. The

best place on Earth can

turn into hell on Earth

pretty quick.

B.C. Federation of

Labour president Jim Sin-

clair says we should hike

the minimum wage to \$10

an hour, and it's hard to argue. That means \$80 a day or \$1,600 a month, just enough to keep the wolves from making themselves at home on your doorstep.

"(Premier Gordon) Campbell is reluctant to raise the minimum wage for the mysterious reason that most people make more than that anyway. Well, if that's so, why worry about raising it?"

Campbell is reluctant to raise the minimum wage for the mysterious reason that most people make more than that anyway. Well, if that's so, why worry about raising it? He certainly has no qualms about hiking his own salary at the taxpayers' expense, lest we forget the 50 per cent, \$60,000-plus (!) hike he granted himself in 2007.

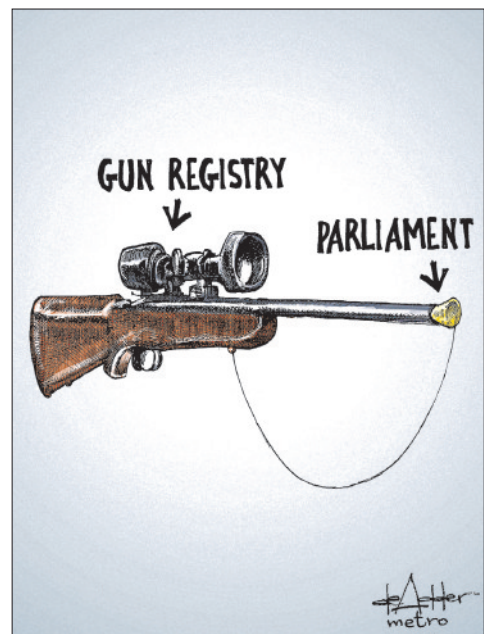
It's usually the NDP's job to hike the minimum

wage, a thankless task at best. They can stand the whining from business as business doesn't vote NDP anyway, unless the businessman is Gregor Robertson, and are we sure he votes NDP?

But eight years is too long without a raise. If, according to the Liberals' own calculations, raising the minimum wage would cost \$450 million, that's about the same as the new roof on B.C. Place. And I haven't heard any business people complain about that not-so-little boondoggle.

So it's time for the premier and his business constituency to step up to the plate and do something for the little guy. They've certainly spent more than enough on themselves for the last eight years.

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Letters

November reminds us that Christmas is around the corner

Re: Reasons to love November (Nov. 2)

I believe my reason is the most important. November is when we get to start decorating for Christmas! The third week of this month is when my countdown starts and the lights and tree go up.

Not to mention all the other unnecessary treasures put on display that I've collected over the years to make my house more "merry."

Just thinking about unpacking those boxes makes me happy!

MARA GORDEY, EDMONTON

Lest we forget the freedoms that we have today

Re: Reasons to love November (Nov. 2)

Nov. 11 is one day you missed. It's a day in which we get to remember and honour the people, both men and women, who have given their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Freedom of the press, freedom to choose ones partner in life, freedom of religion, freedom to travel, and all the other luxuries

that we take for granted on a daily basis.

Remembering these people should definitely put a smile on ones face.

Lest we forget!

JOHN BUFFETT, TORONTO

Fathers of Confederation chose monarchy for Canada

I have read the two articles in Metro (Nov. 3 and Nov. 4) written by Lawrence Martin and Paul Sullivan advocating abolishing the monarchy in Canada. Neither column has given even one example of stifling democracy in this country by our Queen or of her representatives, which is more than can be said for certain politicians.

The Fathers of Confederation were not pressured by the British government into keeping the monarchy when planning a constitution for the new country but freely chose the Crown. What is needed here now is education in our constitution and why we have a monarchy.

The monarchical system of government in Canada works well for the most part and I don't think it should be changed.

WILLIAM A. FISHER, BEDFORD, N.S.

Views

How did grandma get on Facebook?

ModernLife

Georgie Binks

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For years my parents have yearned to know every little thing about their grandkids' lives. However, phone calls were unproductive. "Yes, yes, no. Bye grandma."

Emails were even shorter. "Luv u 2." So recently, I suggested my mom (not allowed to reveal age) get a Facebook account.

Sooner than you can say, "Grandma would like to add you as a friend on Facebook," grandkids were actually leaving their rooms and asking, "Do I have to add grandma on Facebook?"

My siblings and I shrugged. The kids reluctantly added grandma. Briefly, the thought fluttered through their minds that all those pictures showing 14 year olds hanging out in the park and getting into "mischief," 17-year-old band members performing in their underwear and university students attending thousands of beer-soaked parties might be unwise.

However, that was soon forgotten because grandma didn't download a picture, so she seemed and, in fact, was faceless.

But she lurked. I instructed her early

on not to post on anyone's wall (Stuff like — Shouldn't you be doing your homework instead of posing with those scantily clad girls?) And she's been taking my advice. "I love it honey — it's like being a fly on the wall. What is a hook-up, anyway?"

Of course, it's taken over her life. My dad emails me, "Well, this Facebook is really something — your mother loves it." I imagine him bravely pacing around the house wondering where his next meal is coming from. It won't be from grandma, whose eyes are bugged out as she scans through pictures of her granddaughter's 20th birthday party. ("I should be doing the dishes,

but I'd rather come in and check Facebook to see what's going on.")

It certainly provides a different view of her grandkids, but rather than tut-tutting she's keeping (grand) mum. Instead of being sucked in by those cherubic faces smiling in fake innocence across the Christmas dinner table, her new Facebook X-ray vision shows them to be the hellions they really are. Christmas stockings are more likely to be stuffed with hookah pipes, fake ID and gift certificates to rehab (for the older ones) this year rather than the traditional gloves and scarves.

But she's not complaining. That's because she's hit the (grand) motherlode.

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Fast food slows down

Fewer customers gulped down Arby's roast beef sandwiches at the third quarter, as more and more fast-food diners stayed home because of the recession, Wendy's/Arby's Group Inc. said Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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An Opel worker carries a coffin past the historic Opel main entrance in Ruesselsheim, Germany Thursday. Opel employees walked off their jobs to attend a mass rally at the automaker's headquarters, protesting GM's decision to abandon the unit's sale to new owners the workers hoped would preserve jobs.

Opel workers walk off job to protest GM

Fearing widespread layoffs, thousands of Opel workers walked off the job across Germany Thursday to protest General Motors Co.'s decision to abandon the unit's sale to new owners.

Their indignation was echoed by Russian and German leaders, who both questioned GM's decision. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin claiming GM exhibited an "arrogant attitude" in abandoning months of negotiations.

Workers at Opel's headquarters in Ruesselsheim vented their frustration and anger at a rally.

"Our trust (in GM) is now zero, and that is the heart of the problem," Klaus Franz, the head of Opel's employee council, told the workers.

Organizers estimated that 10,000 workers at-

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tended while police put the figure at 6,000. Smaller rallies were being held at factories in Bochum, Eisenach and Kaiserslautern.

German politicians were still furious over the switch. Chancellor Angela Merkel's office said she had discussed it with President Barack Obama, who told her he had no involvement in Tuesday's decision by the board of the majority government-owned company.

Merkel and Putin were strong backers of the

planned sale of a majority in Opel to a consortium of Canadian auto parts maker Magna International Inc. and Russian lender Sberbank.

The decision was an embarrassment to Merkel, coming hours after she had addressed the U.S. Congress. German officials swiftly demanded a restructuring plan from Detroit and vowed to recover by Nov. 30 a \$2.2-billion US bridge loan granted to keep Opel afloat as a buyer was sought.

German workers worry GM will make even more cuts to return Opel to profit than Magna would have. Still, the decision won a cautious welcome from union officials in Britain and Poland, where workers had feared possible cutbacks in a Magna takeover.

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Rose-coloured employment data?

ECONOMY The surprisingly sharp turn-around in Canada's labour market this summer is raising eyebrows among analysts that the most timely and critical barometer of economic

strength may be sending false signals.

A consensus of economists surveyed predicts Friday's new labour force survey of employment will

find that 10,000 new net jobs were created in October, the third straight month of gains.

But Scotiabank senior economist Derek Holt, among others, is leery of the Statistics Canada labour force survey that has shown 58,000 new

jobs created in August and September, when according to the same government agency, Canada's economy was flat in July and contracted by 0.1 per cent in August.

"Why would employers be adding so much to their payroll when the economy on balance still stinks?" Holt asks.

The recent employment gains are also at odds with the general belief that as the economy recovers, jobs are one of the last indicators to return since firms will resort to increasing the hours of the employees they have before adding workers.

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Manufacturing sector

- A survey of manufacturers released Thursday also suggests things may not be all that rosy on the factory floor, given continuing weak demand for Canadian goods in the U.S. and a stubbornly high dollar that prices their prod-

- ucts out of foreign markets.

- The sector has lost about 200,000 jobs in the past year, and about one-quarter of the more than 700 companies surveyed in early November say they plan to cut more jobs over the next three months.

Manulife profits slide

INSURANCE Manulife Financial Corp. slid to a loss in the third quarter as lower corporate bond rates pulled down profits and it logged charges related to its actuarial assumptions.

The Toronto-based insurance giant said Thursday it booked a loss of \$172 million down from year-earlier profits of \$510 million or 33 cents per share.

The results were affected by a \$1.2-billion pretax charge, worth \$783 million after taxes, on changes in actuarial assumptions used to value its policy liabilities.

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Building permits see small increase

HOUSING The value of building permits increased 1.6 per cent to \$5.1 billion in September, their second straight monthly increase.

Statistics Canada says the numbers were boosted by higher intentions in the residential sector, which more than offset a decline in the non-residential sector.

The agency reports gains in the value of multi-family dwellings, especially in British Columbia and Ontario, helped boost the value of residential permits 9.4 per cent to \$3.2 billion.

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Business in brief

RIM Research In Motion Ltd. says it has been authorized to spend up to \$1.2 billion US to buy back its common shares from the open market and cancel them. The share buyback program, which the Waterloo, Ont.-based company would

conduct through the Nasdaq stock market, allows the BlackBerry maker to cancel up to 21 million of its common shares, or 3.6 per cent of the outstanding number.

Q3 Quebecor Inc. saw its third-quarter profit jump by 52 per

cent as customer growth boosted the media company's revenues. The Montreal-based publisher, cable TV and phone service provider reported net income of \$69.4 million for the quarter ended Sept. 30.

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Boston Bruins centre David Krejci is out indefinitely with the swine flu. General manager Peter Chiarelli announced Thursday that the team's medical staff confirmed a diagnosis of H1N1 for the 23-year-old. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Under Armour signs GSP

Canadian fighter and UFC welterweight champion Georges St. Pierre, left, has signed a multi-year endorsement deal with Under Armour, a Baltimore-based company whose "performance apparel" line includes underwear. Starting in the spring, St. Pierre will become the face of Under Armour's BoxerJock and BoxerBrief underwear. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Unlikely pair lead Canucks

O'Brien forced to sit one game

NHL RESULT

Vancouver 5 Minnesota 2



Tough guy Darcy Hordichuk and newly signed Matt Pettinger each scored their first goals of the season, forming an unlikely pair to lead the short-handed Vancouver Canucks to a 5-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night.

Hordichuk scored his first goal in 50 games. Pettinger signed on Monday to bolster a depleted roster.

Mason Raymond and Henrik Sedin also scored for the Canucks, who have won three in a row despite missing seven players with

injuries. Alex Burrows added an empty-net goal.

Kyle Brodziak scored twice for the Wild, who were slow and sloppy throughout and showed little fight against a weakened opponent.

Niklas Backstrom gave up four goals on 17 shots and was pulled by new Wild coach Todd Richards for the first time.

Vancouver's Andrew Raycroft made 28 saves in his fifth straight game in place of Roberto Luongo, who has been out with a rib injury. Raycroft made two excellent saves, using his stick to deflect a shot by Petr Sykora in the second period, then making a sliding kick save on Owen Nolan in the third to keep Vancouver in front.

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Vancouver left winger Matt Pettinger, left, celebrates his first goal of the season, scored Thursday against the Minnesota Wild in a 5-2 Canucks win.

PUNISHMENT The National Hockey League suspended Vancouver Canucks defenceman Shane O'Brien for one game Thursday.

His stick made contact with Sean Avery of the New York Rangers while both players were on their respective benches in a game last Tuesday.

O'Brien is eligible to return for Friday night's game in Dallas. He will forfeit \$8,290.16 US in salary.

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Lesnar fight postponed again

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Toronto needs PanAm bid win

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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Toronto is set to make its pitch to host the 2015 Pan American Games. If it finds the strike zone, high performance athletics in Canada could hit one out of the park.

"This city needs to be inspired," says Olympic gymnast Alexandra Orlando, who brings an athlete's voice to the final presentation in Guadalajara, Mexico. Toronto steps to the plate last after Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia. "If we're successful we could change the face of sport in our country."

Beyond the dreams of the politicians, who have ulterior motives, the second biggest international multi-sport showcase could help inspire Canada's largest urban population to become participants rather than

spectators.

The bid calls for 17 municipalities in the Golden Horseshoe to stage 36 sports and for 16 days to be a playground for more than 5,000 athletes from the 42 member nations of the Pan American Sports Organization.

It's a gathering double the size of the winter Olympics.

"It could change a lot of lives," stresses Orlando, the winner of seven Pan Am medals, including three gold at the two Games she competed in at Santo Domingo 2003 and Rio de Janeiro 2007. "There is no permanent environment to develop summer Olympic excellence right now. This could provide it."

The Toronto 2015 bid calls for a cycling velodrome and 15,000-seat athletics stadium in Hamilton as well as an aquatics centre and Institute of Sport in Toronto. Boxing will be east in Oshawa, whitewater canoeing north in the Haliburton Highlands and rowing south in St. Catharines.

The total budget for infrastructure and legacy is

\$700 million. It's an ambitious undertaking — a necessary step before Toronto can make another serious bid for the Olympics.

Then there's the real upside to this Pan American proposal.

If it flies it might help change the culture in communities where swimming pools, tracks and high school gymnasiums are closing and where kids are glued to a litany of pro sports on TV instead of becoming active competitors.

"The benefits from these Games would be immeasurable," figures Alexandra Orlando. "They will lay the foundation for the next generation of Canadian Olympians."

Orlando will make that pitch in both Spanish and English in Mexico and hope Toronto can score its biggest sporting triumph in recent memory.

Everyone knows Canada's biggest city desperately needs a win.

Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

BUSTED San Francisco Giants star pitcher Tim Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges following a traffic stop in his home state. Lincecum was fined a total of \$622 US for driving at 74 m.p.h. in a 60 m.p.h. zone, and for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanours.

NBA The Sacramento Kings say leading scorer Kevin Martin has a hairline fracture in his left wrist. An MRI taken Thursday revealed a non-displaced hairline fracture of the navicular bone in Martin's left wrist. The team says treatment options are currently being evaluated.

FORMULA ONE Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn says the automaker will announce whether it will stay in F1 racing before the year ends. Renault's reputation was recently damaged by a crash scandal that led to team principal Flavio Briatore's indefinite ban from the sport.

RAIDERS The National Organization for Women says Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable should be suspended while the team investigates allegations he has a history of violent behaviour toward women. Cable has acknowledged striking his first wife with an open hand more than 20 years ago and says that's the only time he's ever touched a woman inappropriately.

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Switzerland Getting big air



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Serbian police say they have arrested a suspect in the fatal attack on a French soccer fan in a Belgrade cafe two months ago. The victim, Brice Taton, was among a group of Toulouse fans who were attacked by Partizan Belgrade hooligans before a Europa League match between the teams in September. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

HSBC World Golf Championship



Nick Watney hits his tee shot on the 17th hole Thursday during the first round of the HSBC World Golf Championship in Shanghai, China. Watney shot an 8-under 64 to lead after the first round. Tiger Woods was three shots back in a tie for fifth.

Play all 60 minutes

Lions aim for no more late-game letdowns

Geroy Simon thinks his B.C. Lions teammates have finally figured out that they have to play football games to the final whistle.

They've had some harsh lessons lately and now face the Edmonton Eskimos on Friday with the winner claiming the final playoff berth in the CFL's tough West Division.

"That's been killing us all year," the veteran slotback said of the last-minute losses after Thursday's work-out. "I can count at least four or five times this year where we didn't play the whole 60 minutes."

Casey Printers, making his third straight start at

quarterback, agrees that finishing games is the Lions' Achilles heel.

"The challenge still remains," said Printers, who's back with the club because the other three signal-callers who have started for B.C. this season still have shoulder problems.

"If we go out and finish football games and play as hard and as physical as we can we should command a victory here. That's the bottom line."

Last week the Lions lost 26-28 at home to the Calgary Stampeders after taking a 26-25 lead on a Printers TD bomb to Paris Jackson with 1:35 remaining.

The week before it was a 33-30 overtime loss to Saskatchewan in Regina when the Roughriders tied the game on a touchdown and two-point convert with 1:53 on the clock.

"We thought we had the game won with a minute or a minute and a half left and the team comes back and either ties us or beats us," said Simon who has moved into second place in CFL receiving yardage.

"It's easier said than done but I think guys finally got the message that we have to go out and play a full 60 minutes to win a football game."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

CFL Two league sources requesting anonymity told The Canadian Press on Thursday the CFL Players' Association is visiting with teams talking about a potential lockout as the two sides head into the off-season looking to secure a new collec-

tive bargaining agreement.

MLB Japan nearly came to a standstill as millions watched on TV while Hideki Matsui, the man they know as Godzilla, stomped around New York to lead the Yankees to the World Series title. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

Underdog takes on MMA legend Fedor

BARRETT HOOPER
for Metro Canada

STRIKEFORCE He's got the physique of a professional bowler not a brawler, the disposition of a dead fish and a name you can't pronounce. But make no mistake, Fedor Emelianenko is the most exciting and dangerous fighter on the planet. He's the Babe Ruth of mixed martial arts, and on Saturday night he will headline the biggest MMA fight of the year, Strikeforce: Fedor vs. Rogers, airing live and for free on CBS.

Fedor, as he's known, has

lost just once in 31 fights, and that was nine years ago. Among the fallen are four former UFC heavyweight champs, three current UFC heavyweight contenders and one 7-foot-2 giant. He's beaten them with punches and he's beaten them with grappling. All but a handful of his fights have been in Japan, where he's regarded as something between a rock star and Godzilla.

With dollar signs in their eyes, the UFC tried desperately to sign Fedor three months ago, envisioning a showdown with their musclebound champion, Brock

Lesnar. But the inscrutable Russian chose the lesser-known Strikeforce and fans reacted the way people did when the Red Sox sold Ruth to the Yankees, with anger and disappointment.

As hazardous jobs go, fighting Fedor ranks up there with ice road trucker and bomb defuser. The man who will play Beowulf to Fedor's Grendel is Brett Rogers, a soft-spoken mountain of muscle with a Mr. T mohawk and sleep in his fists. Rogers is undefeated in 10 fights but until four months ago he made his living changing tires. Punching people uncon-

scious was merely a hobby.

Then, Rogers knocked out former UFC champ Andrei Arlovski in just 22 seconds, which is almost three minutes faster than it took Fedor to knock him out.

Now, Strikeforce has set up a fight even Hollywood couldn't script, a mythic invincible Russian versus an all-American underdog with the proverbial puncher's chance of winning. Come to think of it, this was a movie, Rocky IV. While Fedor is obviously Ivan Drago, it just remains to be seen whether Rogers is Rocky Balboa or Apollo Creed.

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Southern Death Threat



Southern Death Threat was formed in early 2005 by guitarist/songwriter Brennan Eyles. Eyles came up with the name of the group on his way to a New York Yankees baseball game in Seattle. "I was watching CNN and the US was engaging in conflicts with North Korea, and Iraq. With all the nuclear ambitions and the US being bully's it made sense," says Eyles. After auditioning numerous musicians and singers, Eyles found his match with the current lineup. New lead singer Nick Oszinski has a powerful voice. Drummer Scotty McCargar (Bif Naked) beats the skins and is considered one of the best. Bass player Howard 'howie hammer' Humenick completes this aggressive 4 piece. With an explosive live show SDT gives fans a reason to rock out. *Bottom line: Southern Death Threat is a force to be reckoned with!*

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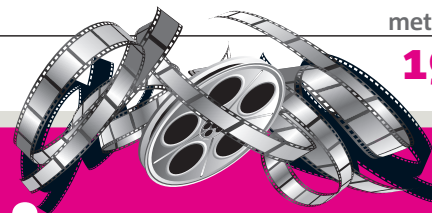
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Director Roland Emmerich talks about his latest in a line of disaster movies, 2012, opening next week and starring John Cusack.

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Earth destroyed, again

Disaster movie veteran Emmerich returns with 2012

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

When speaking with Roland Emmerich, a director synonymous with big-budget disaster films, the first question that comes to mind is what, exactly, does he have against the planet earth?

"Nothing," he insists, sitting comfortably in a lodge in Jackson Hole, Wy., just miles from where he filmed much of his latest movie, 2012 — opening next week — was filmed.

"Sometimes you destroy what you love."

After raining destruction down upon our planet through aliens (Independence Day), giant monsters (Godzilla) and global warming (The Day After Tomorrow), Emmerich admits he had reservations about taking on another project of that kind.

"I thought, 'Should I do another disaster movie? Another end of the world movie?'" Emmerich said. In the end, he relented. "I'm drawn to disaster movies because in disaster movies there are no rules, really. As long as you tell story lines that all converge at



John Cusack stars in Roland Emmerich's latest end-of-the-world film, 2012.

2012 opens next week

the end."

He also enjoys slipping his own agenda into big-budget popcorn films, following the belief that a spoonful of CGI-enhanced destruction will help the progressive ideas go down.

"There's always this need to have some sort of a philosophical or political aspect in my movies," said Emmerich, who also admits he can be too subtle.

"In Independence Day, everybody thought it was blatantly patriotic, and nobody saw that it was the first African-American, WASP and Jewish guy

Movie feature

working together to save the world. They didn't see all the little jokes we put in about race and religion."

For Emmerich's next feature, he's leaving the world of catastrophe and special effects behind, focusing instead on a very un-Emmerich subject: The question of who actually wrote the works of William Shakespeare.

Anonymous, set to begin filming in March, is a story the director has been interested in for quite some

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time — he first purchased the script eight years ago before developing it further with writer John Orloff.

"I found it fascinating," Emmerich said. "We had to make sure this movie's not a new version of Amadeus," he explains.

"This has to be more than that. It has to be a political movie."

Laughs arise from Goats' absurdity

The Men Who Stare at Goats

Director: Grant Heslov
Stars: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges
Classification: 14A
Rating: 🍷🍷🍷

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Despite a popular notion, not every George Clooney movie can be Oscar material. This one isn't, but it is an often wickedly funny poke at U.S. military might.

Grant Heslov based the film on The Men Who Stare at Goats, Jon Ronson's examination of "the apparent madness at the heart of U.S. military intelligence" and comes up with a complex tragicomedy and Clooney makes it palatable.

The film details psychic warfare techniques allegedly developed in an official secret unit called the New Earth Army, falling in the you'll-never-believe-this category. No performance, not even Clooney's, can match the story's fascinating absurdities.

It's a desert road romp that follows Lyn (Clooney) and Bill, a reporter (Ewan McGregor) on a mysterious mission in the war-torn Middle East. Lyn is appar-

ently an undercover operative with a past and Bill is hungry for a story and keen to tag along. Lyn tells Bill that he is ex-New Earth Army and reveals his "powers" of cloud bursting and reading the future.

According to Lyn's yarn, paranormal applications in the military began when a Vietnam veteran turned hippie named Django (Jeff Bridges) declared war on war and invited soldiers to love the universe.

Experiments lead to the formation of the New Earth Army of "psychic soldiers" steeped in new age philosophy and psychotropics who developed the abilities of remote viewing, walking through walls, killing with a touch, stopping a goat's heart by staring forcefully, reading minds — strategies meant to induce shock, awe, and capitulation in the minds of the enemy.

Men is surreal, tragic, and funny. Clooney is as charismatic and compelling and helps us believe a dicey premise. McGregor is OK, cast unsuitably as Bill.

The Men Who Stare at Goats is an interesting film trapped inside something being sold as a mass market comedy.

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When pirates ruled airwaves

'60s Britain, outlaw radio spread the love in comedy

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Bill Nighy doesn't believe in the '60s. Not literally, of course.

Born in 1949, the popular actor who's starred in everything from Underworld to Pirates of the Caribbean spent his youth in the prominent decade. But a nostalgic hippy, he's definitely not.

"I don't have a particular nostalgia for that era," said Nighy during a recent interview in L.A. "I don't like the phenomenon of people my age telling younger people that it was better to be young then because it wasn't."

"It was just like always — some of it was good, some of it was bad. There were

some dreadful trousers and there were some good trousers."

Nighy may not be terribly sentimental about his youth but perhaps that's because he'd rather look to the future — specifically to next week's release of *Pirate Radio*, a '60s-set ensemble comedy that tells the true story about a group of British deejays who get around the government's ban on rock 'n' roll by broadcasting from boats harboured in the North Sea.

Directed by skillful filmmaker Richard Curtis (*Love Actually*), the film harkens back to the wistful era when men wore thick sideburns and radio rocked with bands like *The Troggs*.

The comedy recalls the



Despite being completely unsentimental about the '60s, Bill Nighy stars in *Pirate Radio*.

tone of Robert Altman's earlier works so it wasn't surprising to find out Curtis gathered his cast to watch Altman's 1970 hit *M*A*S*H* prior to filming — a bonding experience that

wasn't universally appreciated.

"I didn't finish. I watched about 40 minutes and I said to Richard, 'I'm going to bed,'" laughed co-star Nick Frost (*Shaun of*

the Dead). "Sometimes on a brand new television and you watch a film, it looks ungraded and flat. That's what was happening on *M*A*S*H* and I couldn't get past it."

"Richard (Curtis) is a believer ... he's also got a wicked sense of humour."

Bill Nighy about
Pirate Radio director

Even with Frost's lack of participation, Curtis definitely succeeded in creating a unique bond amongst an ensemble that also includes Philip Seymour Hoffman. It shouldn't be shocking since the director appears universally loved by his cast.

"Richard is a believer," said Nighy, who also starred in *Love Actually*. "He doesn't make romantic comedies because he thinks it will manipulate the money out of your wallet, he does it because he wants to spread the word ... he's also got a wicked sense of humour and is incredibly bright so I think that probably helps too."

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Director thinks inside The Box

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FEATURE Director Richard Kelly earned instant cult status with his bizarre and beloved debut *Donnie Darko* in 2001. This week he returns with *The Box*, a low-key thriller about a married couple (Cameron Diaz and James Marsden) who are given a strange box by a man with a rotting face (Frank Langella).

They are told that if they press the button in the box they will be given a million dollars, but someone somewhere in the world will die. It's the type of creepy and deceptively simple premise that would have made a classic episode of *The Twilight Zone*. Which is why it should come as no surprise that the film is based on a short story by Richard Matheson, a longtime scribe for that show and childhood influence on Richard Kelly.

"*The Box* was a story that I was lucky enough to stumble upon as a child," Kelly told Metro. "I think I was 10 or 11 years old when I first read it and then I was able to get the movie rights years later."

Though obviously a story that fits into Kelly's unique and dark style of filmmaking, it's also a far simpler



The Box is a thriller centred around a couple's dilemma.

tale than his previous movies. According to Kelly, *The Box* represented a deliberate attempt to scale back his ambitions.

"Coming off of something as elaborate and complicated as *Southland Tales* I wanted to try something much smaller and more manageable," revealed Kelly. "It was kind of refreshing for me to be able focus on a more intimate story about a married couple and also to try and embrace the aesthetic of 1970s filmmaking." Kelly decided to set his story in the 1970s world of his childhood, even basing the main characters on his parents. "It was a way to make the story emotionally relevant to me and to pay tribute to them and their expe-

riences," admitted Kelly. "Plus this is the kind of movie they would love. They love Alfred Hitchcock films and thrillers."

Kelly was also able to wrangle some surprising talent to score the movie by hiring three members of *The Arcade Fire* to compose the music. "I met them at one of their concerts at the Hollywood Bowl. I gave them the script and a CD of Bernard Hermann's score for *Vertigo*," said Kelly. "It wasn't a traditional relationship with a composer, but it was one of the greatest collaborations that I've ever had with another artist."

• For *The Box* photos, a trailer or screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Lefevre, Dillon to attend Giller Prize gala

Twilight star Rachel Lefevre, right, and Flashpoint actor Hugh Dillon will be among the presenters at next week's Scotiabank Giller Prize gala. Lefevre stars in the upcoming movie version of Barney's Version. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Cold, cold Christmas

A Christmas Carol

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Stars: Jim Carrey

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



I've never understood the appeal of motion capture animation. Sure, Robert Zemeckis may have mastered the technical trickery of making the real Tom Hanks look like an animated Tom Hanks in 2004's *The Polar Express*, but I just couldn't help thinking, "Why didn't you just film the real Tom Hanks?"

The question is raised again in the case of *A Christmas Carol*, in which Zemeckis hooks Jim Carrey up with sensors to cap-

ture his skillfully-portrayed six roles (including Ebenezer Scrooge) only to animate said characters into a 3-D form that essentially strips the life from their eyes.

As if that wasn't problematic enough, the Oscar-winning director chose one of the world's most iconic stories to reproduce with this fancy, but ultimately alienating technology.

For those uneducated in the ways of Scrooge, he is a curmudgeon wrapped up in his own selfish misery until visited by a series of spirits who show him his influence on those around him.

Indeed, it's a tale that has resonated with folks ever since Charles Dickens conceived it in 1843 for its wholesome themes of fami-



Jim Carrey plays Scrooge and many other characters in the latest version of *A Christmas Carol*.

ly, redemption and selflessness which all reflect the exact opposite of Zemeckis' main accomplishment with this remake: self-indulgently grandstanding his own

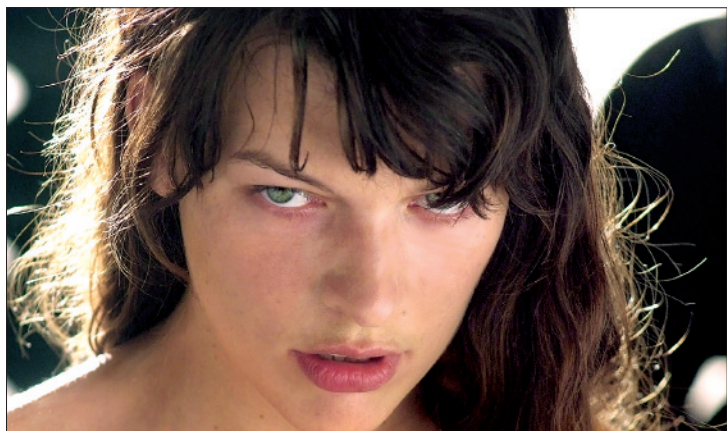
command of motion-capture animation.

Don't get me wrong — the effects are simply stunning. But after the initial novelty of the digital wiz-

ardry wears off and you seek the warmth and heart that's allowed the original story's longevity, you'll more likely discover this cold, unnecessary undertak-

ing will leave you muttering "bah-humbug" on your way home.

• For *A Christmas Carol* photos, trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies



Milla Jovovich stars in *The Fourth Kind*.

Don't believe Fourth Kind

The Fourth Kind

Director: Olatunde Osunsanmi

Stars: Milla Jovovich

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



REVIEW In the first shot of *The Fourth Kind*, Milla Jovovich emerges from fog-shrouded woods to inform us that the film we are about to see is based on real events, and that we should make up our own minds about its contents based on the evidence.

The spectacle of a movie

star unabashedly pleading our indulgence is admittedly disarming, and things only get odder from there, with a cut to footage of the film's director Olatunde Osunsanmi, interviewing Dr. Abigail Tyler, a psychiatrist seemingly recovering from some severe trauma.

This sets up a conceit whereby the film alternates between conventional narrative sequences with Jovovich playing Tyler — whose troubles begin when she takes up her late husband's study of bizarre goings-on in Nome, Alaska — and allegedly documentary footage from that period,

including her interviews with patients wrestling with repressed memories of alien abductions.

A word to the very impressionable (and based on the comments on the film's IMDb page, there are a lot of you): There is no Dr. Abigail Tyler.

The increasingly implausible video-camera interludes are just so much post-*Blair Witch* wankery, and while the gimmick has made for good marketing, it hampers the onscreen product. The few effectively staged shocks can't make up for the unintentional hilarity of some scenes.

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3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

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3rd Annual Vancouver Serbian Filmfest (STC) Tue-Thu**Fifty Dead Men Walking** (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon 7:30**Gomorrah** (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon 9:30

OAKRIDGE

650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

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PACIFIC CINÉMATHEQUE

1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

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Cremaster 1 & 2 (STC) Thu 7:15**Cremaster 4 & 5** (STC) Thu 9:30**The Human Condition 2: The Road to Eternity** (STC) Fri 7 Mon 7 Wed 4**The Human Condition 3: A Soldiers Prayer** (STC) Sat 7 Wed 8**Human Condition Part 1** (STC) Wed 12**Karel Vachek Poet Provocateur** (STC) Sun 6

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Disney's A Christmas Carol (G) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15

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TINSELTOWN

International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

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Amelia (G) Fri-Sun 4:15-9:45 Mon-Wed 1:25-4:15 7:10-9:45 Thu 1:25-4:15 9:45**The Box** (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:05 No Passes Mon 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:05 No Passes Tue 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:05**The Damned United** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thru 2:35-4:55 7:25-9:50**An Education** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 1:05-2:10-3:25 4:35-5:50 7:05-8:20-9:35**The Fourth Kind** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thru 2:50-5:20 7:45-10:10**The Invention of Lying** (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-7:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:45 7:20-9:40**Michael Jackson's This Is It** (G) No Passes Fri-Thru 1:2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 Wed-Thru 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10**Pirate Radio** (PG) No Passes Sat 7**The September Issue** (PG) Fri-Thru 1:10-3:20 5:30-7:40 9:55**A Serious Man** (PG) Fri 2:55-5:25 7:55-10:20 Sat 2:55-10:20 Sun-Thru 2:55-5:25 7:55-10:20**Vancouver Asian Film Festival** (STC) No Passes Fri 7:30-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-4:7-9:30

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RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6

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Astro Boy (G) Fri 4:25-6:55 9:30 Sat 12:55-4:25 6:55 9:30 Sun 12:55-4:25 6:55 Mon 4:25-6:55 Tue 12:55-4:25 6:55 Thu 4:25-6:55**The Box** (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:05-9:45 No Passes Sat 12:50-4:20 7:05-9:45 No Passes Sun 12:50-4:20 7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon 12:50-4:20 7:05-9:45 No Passes Tue 12:50-4:20 7:05-9:45 No Passes Wed 12:50-4:20 7:05-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:50-4:20 7:05-9:45**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (G) No Passes Fri 5:05-7:20 9:40 No Passes Sat 12:45-2:55 5:05-7:20 9:40 No Passes Sun 12:45-2:55 5:05-7:20 9:40 No Passes Mon 5:05-7:20 9:40 No Passes Tue 12:45-2:55 5:05-7:20 9:40 No Passes Wed 12:45-2:55 5:05-7:20 9:40 No Passes Thu 5:05-7:20 9:40**Law Abiding Citizen** (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10 9:55 Sat 1:10-4:30 7:10 9:55 Sun 1:10-4:30 7:10 9:55 Wed 1:10-4:30 7:10 9:55 Thu 4:30-7:10 9:55**The Men Who Stare at Goats** (PG) Fri 4:35-7:15 9:50 Sat 1:45-4:35 7:15 9:50 Sun 1:45-4:35 7:15 9:50 Mon 4:35-7:15 9:50 Tue 1:45-4:35 7:15 9:50 Wed 1:45-4:35 7:15 9:50 Thu 4:35-7:15 9:50**Michael Jackson's This Is It** (G) No Passes Fri 4:15-7:35 No Passes Sat 1:45-7:35 9:35 No Passes Sun 1:45-7:35 9:35 No Passes Mon 4:15-7:35 9:35 No Passes Tue 1:45-7:35 9:35 No Passes Wed 4:15-7:35 9:35 No Passes Thu 1:45-7:35 9:35

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1. Michael Jackson's *This Is It* (Soundtrack), Michael Jackson; 2. *Full Circle*, Creed; 3. *Fearless* (Platinum Edition), Taylor Swift; 4. *Soulbook*, Rod Stewart; 5. *Night Castle*, Trans-Siberian Orchestra. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Growth of the Resistance

Montreal electronic act Champion embraces rock and adds new vocalist

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada



"In life, if you don't go forward, you go backward."

The adage is familiar to Maxime Morin, advice commonly bestowed on him by his father while growing up in Québec.

It was with that maxim in mind the Montréal-based DJ, who performs under the moniker Champion, approached his latest album *Resistance*. The followup to 2004's *Chill 'Em All* certainly does reflect progression in the electronic artist's oeuvre, with heavier rock influences and wholly different vocal fronting.

But forward movement didn't come easy to Morin.

"When I started *Resistance*, after the first six months, I really felt I was going backward. I wasn't evolving, challenging myself, or going anywhere other than where I was," he said. Stuck in the musical mindset he'd perfected over three years touring *Chill 'Em All*, Morin trashed the initial tracks he recorded for *Resistance* and went into seclusion, an act he said was key to start recording as himself, without external influences.

"When you isolate, you give yourself the ability to be a loser, to cry. Musically speaking, you allow your-



Maxime Morin, who performs under the moniker Champion, is touring in support of latest album *Resistance*.

self to compose bad songs." Morin said he was able to purge the scraps and make strides by acknowledging his personal weakness. "We are always trying to avoid it in our lives, with our ego, trying to be good, tough and come at the world in our

best fashion. But weaknesses are in us all the time."

To wean weakness, Morin focused on his strength: live performance. Knowing most people discover his music from Champion's energized live sets — always

more rock-focused than his albums — Morin aimed to capitalize on the style.

"Rock is a song but it's also a structure. Rock is lyrics-oriented," he said.

"In techno we have long tracks with no chorus. It's very primitive and I love it

very much. That was a challenge for me, to compose music that was oriented on the lyrics and not the music or repetition."

Rock is also fixated on the frontman. So while Morin's decision to replace *Chill 'Em All*'s unflappable baritone vocalist

"That was a challenge for me, to compose music that was oriented on the lyrics and not the music or repetition."

Maxime Morin

Betty Bonifassi (who's since made her own mark with Montréal electronic duo *Beast*) with Pierre-Philippe "Pilou" Côté may seem genre-discrepant, he justifies the switch on the basis of emotional equivalence.

"At the first concert I did with Betty, people were telling me, 'Oh, she looks like a junkie on stage. That's awful,'" said Morin. "That's not awful, that's her! To look at her being so weak, that's gorgeous. I like that."

That's how Morin said he knew audiences would latch on to *Pilou*. "He can put his soul into it. He is intense, he's not lying and he's all there. If you're fake and trying to be rock stars or cheap pop crap, of course you have to be good liars or actors. We're not."

On Tour

• Champion plays The Venue in Vancouver on Saturday.

De-Timbaland-izing Chris Cornell's latest album

SoundCheck

Alan Cross



metronews.ca/soundcheck

Obviously, Chris Cornell felt he needed to make a Big Statement. After a quarter-century of playing the grunge game — with Soundgarden, Temple of the Dog, Audioslave, a couple of solo records and a James Bond theme — he wanted to try something different.

For reasons known only to him, he decided to hook up with Timbaland

(Destiny's Child, Jay-Z, Jennifer Lopez, Rihanna and dozens more) to help him with this makeover.

He didn't give Cornell a makeover as much as he took over. The *Scream* album was pure Timbaland, full of electric R&B grooves, phat beats and backing vocals from people like Justin Timberlake. It was not what anyone expected (or wanted) from the voice behind *Black Hole Sun* and *Rusty Cage*. We should have taken the hint given in the cover art, which featured Cornell smashing a guitar.

Fans were confused, then scornful. The critics were savage. It was a bold experiment, but it failed.

Enter Michael Friedman, a Canadian ex-pat

working in LA licensing and placing music in TV shows and movies. He thought there was some good Soundgarden-esque stuff buried in all that production.

"I heard some *Black Hole Sun* greatness deep within some of the songs," he told me. "I also got to know Chris as a friend. I ended up calling Jordan Zadorozny (of the Canadian indie band *Blinker the Star* and co-writer of songs with Courtney Love and friend of Fleetwood Mac's Lindsey Buckingham)." I flew him down to L.A. and had him listen to some of the tracks in

hopes that he could remix some-

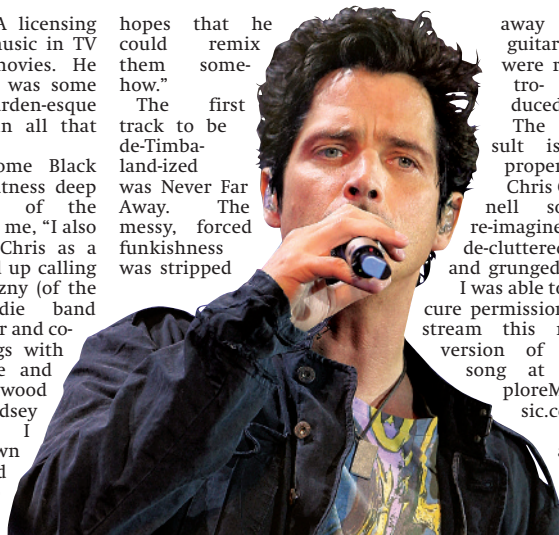
The first track to be de-Timbaland-ized was *Never Far Away*. The messy, forced funkiness was stripped

away and guitars were reintroduced.

The result is a proper Chris Cornell song, re-imagined, de-cluttered and grunged-up. I was able to secure permission to stream this new version of the song at ExploreMusic.com. Re-

action has been swift. Comments came in by the dozens. The story continues to spread across the web and around the world. We've seen lots of visits from Russia (especially St. Petersburg), Chile, Australia, Poland, Brazil, Bulgaria, Mexico and through Canada and the United States.

I'm told Chris is pleased and excited by the response. Could this be the start of the rehabilitation of Chris Cornell's *Scream* album? If so, it's a made-in-Canada solution. And there's been no word from Timbaland. Yet.



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Amazon.ca's top albums

1. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé; 2. List, Rosanne Cash; 3. This Is It, Michael Jackson; 4. My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli; 5. We'll Meet Again: The Very Best Of Vera Lynn, Vera Lynn. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Jets Overhead ready for takeoff

Victoria band blends driving rhythm with meandering, fuzzy guitars and soaring vocals

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada



There's music that goes well with visuals, and then there's music that is visual.

Post-rock, minimal techno and prog-rock tend towards that visual quality — as does the work of Victoria-based space-rockers Jets Overhead. And as lead singer Adam Kittredge explained, visualization works as much for the band as it does for listeners.

To focus in studio sessions, the band came up with a visual concept for their newest album, *No Nations*: A giant fountain.

"The drums are like the cement foundation (of the fountain). A jet underneath it is pumping the water up, and the main stream of water ... is the bass guitar," he explained. "The vocals are

when the water reaches the point where gravity hits, and falls down and spreads out. We wanted to keep the vocals central, on top of the mix ... Then the different effects play out — all the fills, guitar, keyboard lines splashing down."

Listening to songs like *Heading for Nowhere* and *Tired of the Comfort*, the visual metaphor makes a lot of sense. Driving basslines anchor epic vocal harmonies from Kittredge and his co-lead singer (and wife) Antonia Freybe-Smith.

The image also helps explain the band's songwriting process, during which they work to capture spontaneity in carefully crafted structure. *No Nations* came together over weeks of extended jams recorded in the band's practice space. Kittredge gathered up this digital hoard, trimming

In Concert

• Jets Overhead play the Commodore on Saturday.

some 80 tracks worth of material from hours of experimentation.

"I gleaned the best nuggets of aural ecstasy (from our jams), distilled them and passed them around," he said. "In band meetings and over email and phone, we talked about how to take those nuggets and use them in a verse-chorus-verse structure ... Then we went back to the recording studio again, put them together and imposed more structure."

The end result is a series of songs that blend driving rhythm with meandering, fuzzy guitars and soaring vocals. And while the epic



Jets Overhead is currently touring Canada in support of latest album *No Nations*.

builds, album title (*No Nations*), vintage keyboard tones (courtesy of an ARP Solina), and millennial-themed lyrics suggest a grand theme, that wasn't the case.

"Our lyrics are stream of consciousness — what we were thinking in the moment. They reflect our universal thoughts, quandaries, worries, philosophies," said Kittredge. "A theme sort of

emerged out of song titles and lyrics, but it wasn't all set out. This is not an album about globalism or anything like that, but maybe subconsciously that kind of theme emerged."

Rapid rise of La Roux

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



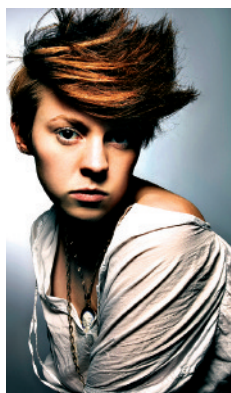
Elly Jackson is sick. Her voice is shot from months of touring so what could have been a lively interview with the outspoken frontwoman for La Roux, has become a quick e-mail exchange.

Still, Jackson's exuberance comes across; her responses are in all caps.

"I'M TRYING TO HUSH MY MOUTH JUST A LITTLE!" she writes, as if she's screaming. Because we're corresponding over the Internet, she doesn't have the chance to say curious things about other musicians (she recently insulted U.K. rap act Tinchy Stryder) or feminism ("There's far more ways to be sexy than to dress in a miniskirt and a tank top").

Her comments have gotten her tons of press, and for a 21-year-old trying to navigate the saturated British music market, the more people talking about you the better.

But however people find out about the singer, and her musical partner Ben Langmaid, it's the music that really speaks for itself.



La Roux's self-titled debut landed in the No. 8 spot on the Canadian album chart.

The duo's debut is a wildly infectious synth pop record that recalls '80s bands like Depeche Mode and glam rockers such as David Bowie.

Their self-titled debut reached No. 2 in the U.K. and landed on top 40 charts around the globe.

"We've been writing together for five years before the record came out," she explains.

"But yes, in real terms it has been quite quick, but that's kind of how it happens now, especially in the U.K. No one makes it the old fashioned way by touring."

How does she handle the newfound attention? "I don't go out," she says. "I'm never papped because I just stay home when I'm not working. It's the only way to keep your life private."

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Kardashian, Minnillo team up
If Disaster Movie wasn't enough for you, Kim Kardashian and Vanessa Minnillo are working together again. The two starlets will guest-star on CBS' CSI:NY on Dec. 16. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television



Kristina Maticic, left, and Anna Wallner are the hosts of the new style and beauty makeover series called Beauty Call on W Network.

Beauty on a budget

The Shopping Bags hosts team up for new makeover series

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Shopping guru Kristina Maticic says knowing how to shop doesn't mean you always make the right decisions.

"We definitely know how to shop for clothes," says Maticic, co-host of the

new beauty-on-a-budget series Anna Wallner and Kristina's Beauty Call, premiering Tuesday on the W Network.

"But we don't always know style. And I think our new show is all about our search for style."

Best known for her long-running The Shopping Bags series, Maticic is once-

again teaming up with co-host Anna Wallner for this new show, which aims to help viewers pull off beauty and style on a budget.

To do this, Maticic and Wallner will test every beauty product imaginable, talk to experts, and offer up a makeover to a fashion victim. However, unlike other "makeover" shows, Beauty Call will feature nothing but "willing" participants.

"All our candidates volunteered," laughs Maticic. "But we're not out to change their whole life — just a specific look for a specific time."

For instance, in the opening episode the duo hosts help a woman find the right "professional look" for work.

However, things don't always go smoothly on Beauty Call. Maticic and Wallner's choices in fashion of-

ten come under the critical eye of experts, including Lisa Tant, editor-in-chief of Flare magazine.

"We definitely put our taste under the microscope on this," she says.

Since The Shopping Bags debuted in 1999, the TV landscape has exploded with dozens of shopping, fashion and makeover-related series of varying quality and interest. Maticic says what has always set her work apart from the others is her on-screen chemistry with co-host Wallner.

"People just like to watch our relationship and the differences that we have," says Maticic, who shares a background in television news with Wallner.

"But while we want to give information to people, we also want to entertain. To give them stuff they can use but do it in a fun way."

Kristina and Anna's Beauty Call premieres Tuesday night on W

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Numb3rs episodes scaled back

The episode total for Numb3rs has been scaled back — from 22 to 16, TVGuide.com has confirmed. CBS reduced the crime drama's season order, first reported by The Hollywood Reporter, leaving uncertain the six-year-old show's future. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

Late night newcomers

Sykes, Lopez bring new comedy to white men's domain

In the blink of an eye, late-night TV is shifting from a white men's club to the start of a rainbow coalition.

Wanda Sykes' weekly Fox comedy show debuts 11 p.m. EST Saturday, followed by George Lopez's four-night-a-week talk show on TBS, starting 11 p.m. EST Monday. They join The Mo'Nique Show on BET.

Lopez is counting on an audience hungry for something different — as in the first Hispanic to host a nighttime talk show on a major network, cable or broadcast.

Sykes is the first black late-night host since the late 1990s, when celebrities Earvin (Magic) Johnson and Keenan Ivory Wayans tried and failed to follow in Arsenio Hall's successful 1989-94 footsteps.

"There's a huge percentage of people not watching late-night TV at all," Lopez said, figuring that the shows headlined by hosts including David Letterman, Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Kimmel draw from roughly the same audience pool.

For people of colour, the actor and comedian said, "I don't think a lot of their needs are met with the current talk shows. I would pull a different audience."

Shari Anne Brill, an analyst with media-buyer Carat USA in New York, echoes Lopez's assertion.

"There is a huge, growing multicultural population in this country, and the current late-night fare doesn't really take them into account," she said.

But neither Lopez nor Sykes are talking about practising exclusionary TV. Lopez's ABC sitcom drew a cross-section of viewers, and Sykes said she expects her show to attract the same mixed crowd she gets at her standup appearances.

"Young, old, male, female, all races, gay,

straight. I love the audience that I draw," Sykes said.

She rebuts the idea she got the job because of her gender, ethnicity or

night talk show as a black, gay woman. But I've been at this for 20 years. I don't think they (networks) were saying, 'Hey, it would be fun to get a black woman on late-night. Who fits that role?'

"I got this show in spite of being a black lesbian," she said, adding that viewers will tune in to see her or Lopez and not a type.

"It's all driven by the host. It's not what you're getting from a minority, it's us," Sykes said.

She doesn't see an "Obama effect" in the sudden late-night diversity, given that she was approached before the election of the first African-American U.S. president. But Lopez said his interest was piqued as he campaigned for the Democratic candidate.

sexual orientation (the actress-comedian, who appears on CBS' The New Adventures of Old Christine, came out as gay in 2008).

"I do understand the importance of being on a late-



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Wanda Sykes' new late night show, The Wanda Sykes Show, debuts Saturday. Along with a new nighttime George Lopez talk show, the Sykes program is hoping to draw a cross-section of viewers.

"There is a huge, growing multicultural population in this country, and the current late-night fare doesn't really take them into account."

Shari Anne Brill, analyst with Carat USA

"Being with Barack for a year and seeing the people and how their eyes and their faces filled with hope for him, for this country ... and, on a very smaller scale, to have a show that is fun and can galvanize people and bring them together was appealing," he said.

The two shows, as sketched by their hosts, will take different approaches.

Lopez promises to bring "the party back to late-night," signalling a looser, hipper hour in the tradition of The Arsenio Hall Show, said analyst Bill Carroll of media buyer Katz Television in New York. Sykes is planning Bill Maher-type panels with both lighthearted and serious discussion of politics and culture as part of her mix.

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Singer Bono performs with his band U2 at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on Thursday. The concert, celebrating 20 years since the Berlin Wall fell, was in conjunction with the 2009 European MTV Awards.

Beyonce's triple win, U2 plays tribute at MTV Awards

MUSIC Berlin loves Beyonce.

The R&B superstar scooped up three wins Thursday at the 16th annual MTV Europe Music Awards, including trophies for best female, best song for Halo and best video for her No. 1 smash, Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It).

When she won the best video award, she thanked Jay-Z — who just happens to be her husband — for

"putting a ring on it."

Jay-Z was also honoured, winning MTV Europe's best urban act — though he said he looked forward to the day when "all those awards come down" that it's just music, plain and simple, adding "Danke schoen" (thank you in German) before leaving the stage.

Other winners included Green Day, the established trio whose punk-influenced

Other winners

• Lady Gaga took best new act though she was not in person, having had to stay in New York and Eminem took home the best male award. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

tunes have garnered it a fan legion worldwide. The trio won the award for best rock act while U2, which earlier

Thursday performed a six-song mini-set in front of the German capital's iconic Brandenburg Gate, won best live act.

U2 frontman Bono paid tribute to Berlin, which marks the 20th anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall on Monday, for its grit and determination. The band recorded its LP Achtung Baby in the city.

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30 movies&entertainment

The kangaroos have a new reason to jump: Britney Spears has landed in Australia. "Longest flight ever but we had a great time ... So excited to be here," she Tweeted upon landing Thursday morning. She starts her 15-show Circus tour in the country Friday. **PEOPLE.COM**

Britney in Australia

Going Out

Mix of Six

Soul Asylum

When: Friday
Where: Red Robinson Show Theatre

Grammy-winning Minnesota musicians perform some of their greatest hits spanning two decades of alt-rock songs. Tix: \$24.50-\$34.50, ticketmaster.

Mom's The Word: Remixed

When: Until Saturday
Where: Granville Island Stage
The shockingly funny Moms reunite to share their true, intimate tales of the heartache and joy of parenthood, from bun in the oven to the terrible twos to the terrifying teens. Tix: \$25-\$45. Info: artsclub.com.

Heart of the City Festival

When: Ongoing
Where: Downtown Eastside
More than 80 art events are being presented at various locations in the DTES during this festival that aims to show the inspiring side of the neighbourhood. Tix: Free or pay what you can. Info: heartofthecityfestival.com.

Evil Dead: The Musical

When: Until Saturday
Where: Vogue Theatre

Campy stage production of Sam Raimi's cult hit movies about five vacationing college students who break into a secluded cabin in the woods and manage to raise the dead with blood-splattering results. Tix: \$45-\$65. Info: vancouver.evilddeadthemusical.com.

Boobalicious breast cancer fundraiser

When: Saturday
Where: Rocky Mountaineer Rail Station

Third annual breast cancer prevention and awareness event returns for a night of music featuring Vancouver's top house and electro DJs, burlesque acts, fashion and carnival surprises. Tix: \$60. Info: boobalicious.ca.

David Foster and friends

When: Sunday
Where: GM Place

Fifteen-time Grammy winner David Foster, known for discovering emerging talents like Michael Buble, introduces a group of up-and-coming musicians as part of a 10-city tour. Info: davidfoster.com.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Up/In The Loop
DVD Make it a double bill next week. Both are colourful comedies on the surface — Up about a wid-



ower making the trip of his life in a balloon-propelled house, In The Loop about the bumbling idiocy of Anglo-American politics. But shades of black creep into the animated adventure — a new high point for Pixar. And Loop maybe the darkest satire of the year. Get ready for the laughs to stick in your throat.



2 Mad Men Season Finale
TV Will Don and Betty Draper get a divorce? Will Peggy finally leave Sterling Cooper? Will Pete Campbell go back to work? Will they solve the Kennedy assassination? Too many questions (OK, we all know the answer to the last one). One episode. You know what to do.

3 New Super Mario Bros. (Wii)

GAME Rock Mario old school. The new title is a throwback to the '80s arcade classics that made jumping, stomping baddies and collecting mushrooms such a cool thing. Nintendo has also listened to what fans have been clamouring for decades — four people can now play on-screen at the same time.



4 Fido Film Awards

HONOUR Four-legged screen stars are vying for these awards, billed as the canine equivalent of the Oscars. Nominees include the animated dog stars of Bolt and Up, and the titular mutt in Marley and Me, among others. The winners will be chosen by a panel of British film critics and announced at the end of this month in London.

5 Ford County: John Grisham

BOOK A collection of short stories is commercial suicide for most writers. Not so for the bestselling author of legal thrillers. Grisham's imagined vignettes of small-town attorneys and their clients have started a publishing price war. Both Wal-Mart and Amazon are offering competing deals for pre-orders. And with Christmas around the corner, it will surely make its way to millions of gift lists.

6 Lego Movies

TREND Got a creative block? Turn to Lego. Films made from the kiddie favourite are all the rage on YouTube these days. There's Lego Star Wars, The Lego Ultimatum (with a smashing action sequence from the Bourne Series) ... the list goes on. Most impressive of them all is a re-imagined trailer for The Dark Knight.

7 Phrases for The Young: Julian Casablancas

ALBUM Most of his band buddies have done it. Now it's his turn. The Strokes' front man's debut solo effort maybe a mixed bag but admit it, it's next the best thing to having a full-fledged album from the New York hipsters. And if this effort is any indicator, expect some techno-country and synth-gospel in the next Strokes release.



Rihanna's message

INTERVIEW Rihanna said Thursday that she regrets returning to ex-boyfriend Chris Brown after he left her bruised and battered during a February assault, warning other women facing domestic violence to not let themselves be blinded by love.

"It's completely normal to go back. You start living to yourself," the 21-year-old singer said on Good Morning America in her first TV interview following the beating. "I'll say that to any young girl who is going through domestic violence: 'Don't react off of love.'"

Brown, 20, was arrested Feb. 8, hours after he was accused of beating Rihanna after the couple attended a pre-Grammy Awards party. He later pleaded guilty to felony assault and a judge ordered Brown and Rihanna to stay away from each other.

In the interview, Rihanna, who is no longer with Brown, said she was ashamed to go back to him after the attack.

"That's embarrassing — that's the type of person I fell in love with. So far in love, so unconditional, that I went back," she said. "That's not what I want to



In this image released by ABC, Diane Sawyer, left, interviews singer Rihanna about her relationship with ex-boyfriend Chris Brown in New York. The interview aired on the morning program Good Morning America on Thursday.

teach people."

Rihanna also said she soon realized that, as a role model to young women, her returning to Brown sent the wrong message.

"When I realized that my selfish decision for love could result in some young girl getting killed, I could not be easy with that part."

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Role model please, not an idol

Miley Cyrus doesn't want to be "an idol" for her young fans, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She insists she would rather be a role model who people look up to than an idealistic figure that teenagers want to be like. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Celebrity Buzz****Kidman burns diaries and snubs Twitter talk**

PRIVATE PERSON Nicole Kidman won't be among the throngs of celebrities flocking to Twitter anytime soon. "If you know what is going on inside somebody's head all the time, that's not a good place," the actress tells British GQ magazine. And, she adds, don't expect to see any of her diaries going public, especially not anything from her years with Tom Cruise. "You (shouldn't) read somebody's diary. So I burned most of my journals after I remarried," she says. "You're only going to find out bad things."

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**Hasselhoff seen boozing again?**

AND FIGHTING WITH A SENIOR It seems David Hasselhoff has allegedly alien off the wagon again, as multiple sources spotted the America's Got Talent judge making a scene at a Canadian casino last weekend, according to TMZ. Hasselhoff was reportedly escorted off the premises by three security guards after getting into an altercation with an elderly patron — and he

was back in the casino drinking again a few hours later.



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Alex and Kate celebrate late

BASEBALL BASH After his team won their 27th World Series — beating the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 — New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez and Kate Hudson hit NYC hot spot 10ak, along with Rodriguez's mom, Lourdes Navarro, and his sister, Suzy.

They celebrated alongside Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and his girlfriend Minka Kelly. Rodriguez, 34, and Hudson, 30, "got there at 2 a.m., but Kate left after a half-hour while A-Rod stayed close to 5 a.m.," a source

tells usmagazine.com. "Minka and Derek seemed really happy, as did they all, and didn't leave until 5 a.m. as well."

Since meeting Rodriguez this past May, Hudson has followed him closely during the winning season, attending games in Miami and Toronto.

At Yankee Stadium Wednesday night,

she and dad Kurt Russell cheered on (along with Spike Lee, Donald Trump, Regis Philbin and Mary J. Blige,

who sang the national anthem).

Although she denied engagement talk in the December issue of British Elle, Hudson is more than smitten with her beau, Us Weekly recently reported. Us also reported that Hudson has been mellowing out Rodriguez, a notorious egomaniac.

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**Fergie's husband has stripper sex?**

RAUNCHY RUMOURS The new issue of Us Weekly has more details on Josh Duhamel's alleged fling with an Atlanta stripper, usmagazine.com reports.

Nicole Forrester — a 34-year-old single mother-of-two — previously said on The Bert Show on Atlanta's Q100-FM that they "had lots of sex" at a hotel after he came into

the Tattletale club where she works in Atlanta. Forrester's lawyer, Romin Alavi, tells the new Us Weekly, "They fell asleep together, and he kept waking her up to have more sex." During the night, Forrester claims, Fergie's

name came up just once: "After he told me his real name, I asked, 'Are you Fergie's husband?' And he was like, 'You know what you know.'"

A lawyer for Duhamel strongly denies the stripper's claims — and wife Fergie, 34, is standing by her man, Us Weekly reports.

"Fergie says nothing is wrong. Every time I ask her how married life is, she says, 'Awesome!'" says a source. Another source tells Us Weekly, "Josh told her it didn't happen, and she believes him."

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**Eddie nabbed LeAnn 'for the publicity': Source**

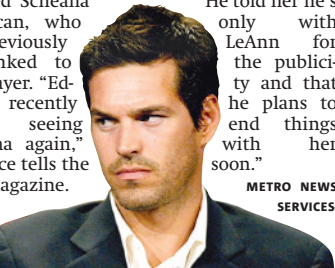
WAS RIMES BLIND? Eddie Cibrian is allegedly already cheating on LeAnn Rimes, the actress he left his wife for earlier this year.

Life & Style Weekly reports that Cibrian has been spotted stepping out with a

woman named Scheana Marie Jancan, who has previously been linked to John Mayer. "Eddie has recently started seeing Scheana again," a source tells the magazine.

"He told her he's only with LeAnn for the publicity and that he plans to end things with her soon."

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**Lovato loves Joe, but not like that**

'HE'S INCREDIBLE' Heard a rumour from a little bird?

Well, Demi Lovato has Tweeted a firm denial regarding those reports that she is dating Joe Jonas, people.com reports.

"There's been a lot of rumours lately that I'm dating one of my best friends Joe. I can promise my entire career that I am not. It's unfortunate that some people out there are so desperate for attention that they have to make up gossip to keep their site alive," Lovato wrote on her official Twitter page.

She added of her Camp Rock 2 costar, "We've NEVER dated. He's incredible, but we don't have feelings

for each other in that way. I love you guys, and I wouldn't lie about that."

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**Celebrity tweets**

Jeremy Piven

Piven is looking to improve his Twitter experience, **Katy Perry** knows a better way to learn a foreign language, **Larry King** asks the tough questions, and **Kirstie Alley** goes looking for trouble.

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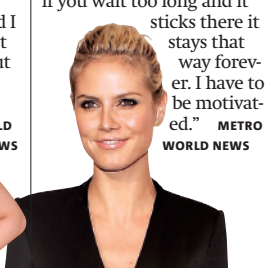
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**Klum talks weight loss after baby**

NO WAITING Heidi Klum is barely out of the maternity ward after delivering her fourth child, and she's already talking about losing the baby weight. "I wouldn't say I'm back in shape yet. Everything changes when you get older," she says, according to Contact Music. "I think that if you wait too long and it

sticks there it stays that way forever. I have to be motivated."

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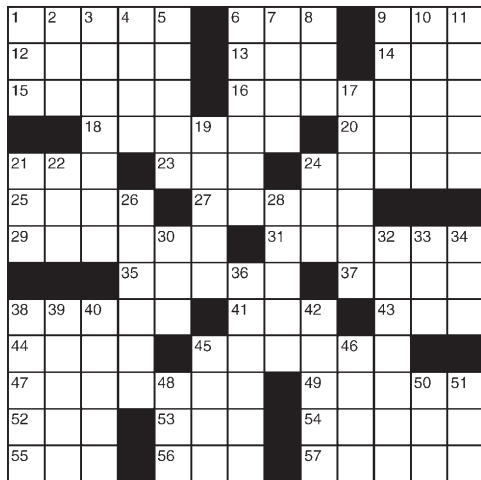
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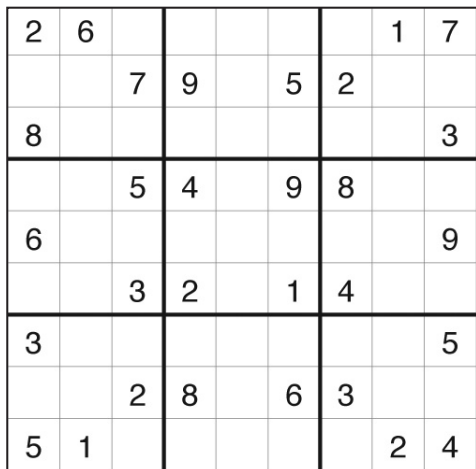
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



ACROSS

1 Urban sunning sites
6 Eisenhower
9 In olden days
12 Farther down the page
13 See 8-Down
14 High-arc shot
15 Postpone
16 Slogan
18 Entice
20 — out (supplements)
21 Hawaiian garden
23 Smack
24 Cubic meter
25 “— It Romantic?”
27 Athletes
29 Buffet-table heater
31 Out of reach, maybe
35 Prevention measure
37 Leak slowly
38 Offspring
41 Exist
43 Gratuity
44 Ocean motion

45 Backbone-related
47 Recommended safety limit
49 Hotel accommodation
52 Lemieux milieu
53 Rowing need
54 Of an armbone
55 Apiece
56 Boom times
57 Plant swelling

DOWN

1 Disencumber
2 Inseparable
3 Without a computer
4 Gratis
5 Ex-governor Palin
6 Completely
7 Zen paradox
8 With 13-Across, Christmas quaff
9 Similar
10 Lost cause
11 Not just pudge

17 Releases
19 Mustard variety
21 Fleur-de —
22 Superlative ending
24 Schuss
26 Bricklayer's tool
28 “SNL” alumna Oteri
30 Sister
32 Phone to the president
33 Submachine gun type
34 Energy
36 Pickled buds used as a garnish
38 Disrobe
39 Fragment
40 Rattlesnake's cousin
42 Follow
45 Child's play
46 “— Lang Syne”
48 Chit
50 Scot's topper
51 Mound stat

Metro Recipe of the Day



Yogurt-marinated Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup (125 ml) fat-free yogurt
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
1 tsp (5 ml) chili powder
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
6 bone-in chicken breast halves

METHOD:

1. In large resealable plastic bag, combine yogurt, garlic, lemon juice, oil, sugar and seasonings; add

chicken. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate 1 to 8 hours or overnight.

2. Coat grill rack with non-stick cooking spray before starting grill. Prepare grill for indirect heat. Drain and discard marinade.
3. Grill chicken, covered, bone side down over indirect medium heat 2 minutes. Turn; grill 25-35 minutes longer or until juices run clear.

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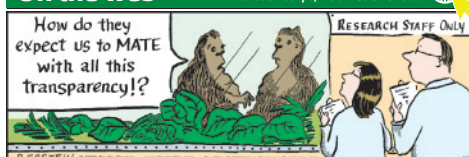
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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Even an Aries is allowed to get it wrong now and again so don't get angry with someone simply because they point out where you are going wrong.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
You know what needs to be done and you know that it must be done, so why do you still hesitate to act? Could it be you are having doubts?

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
It might be wise to take what a work colleague says as the very opposite of what they mean. Sometimes you have to act on the worst case assumption.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
No matter how much others may curse and shout and hurl insults in your direction nothing they say can possibly hurt you, so don't be intimidated.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
Sit down, put your feet up and let others do the running around for a change. The Sun's transit of the work and wellbeing area of your chart may be encouraging.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
Keep your thoughts to yourself today, especially if you are one of those Sags who tends to talk at a rate of knots and give too much.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
No matter how sure you are of your own abilities you cannot possibly do everything alone and what happens today will encourage you to open up.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
What appears to be a setback early in the day will have you jumping for joy by the time the Sun goes down, so don't let that frown get stuck on your face.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Not everything is what it seems at the moment, most likely because you have placed your trust in someone who has been playing games behind your back.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are happy with your life the way it is, that's fine, don't change a thing, but if you want to make changes now is the time.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
It's not often you let your emotions get the better of you but there will be times today when you find it very hard not to scream out loud.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
This is an extremely lucky time for you, so why the feeling of impending doom? It's most likely just a holdover from a time when you were not so fortunate.

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